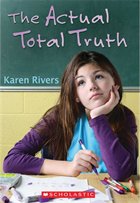
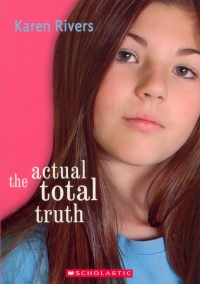
Interdisciplinary Reading Project - Math

The Actual Total Truth

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This book is about a young girl in grade five named Carly who has to take summer school in math, when she finds out that her worst enemy, Nigel, is going to be a tutor there. Also, Carly’s mom is having a baby. Carly is very bitter about all of these things. It would seem that her only escape is going to her cabin with her friends, where they discover a porpoise that had been shot. Between goings to summer school and diving camp, watching her new baby brother, and trying to solve the porpoise mystery, Carly has one busy summer. Will the porpoise hunters be caught? Will Nigel and Carly work out their differences? You will just have to read the book to find out.

I believe that this book takes a step into the brain of a young girl. It talks about her relationships with her friends, family, teacher/coaches and classmates. I think that being at that age is very hard and not many people appreciate the value of it.

This book was on the math list for this reading project. After finishing this book I realised that it had no math content within the book at all. I believe that it would have been quite easy to include some math content in the book had the author so wished. At one point in the book, when Carly is at summer school it would be easy to incorporate some points on the topics that she was working on. The author could have also incorporated math content when Carly is doing her homework for summer school.